

Prekindergarten Partnerships



General Description:

Prekindergarten Partnerships are legal agreements between Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and high-quality private childcare providers to share resources such as staff, professional development, classroom resources, and facilities. Providers receive partial per-pupil prekindergarten dollars from partnering LEAs for services provided in their facilities.

The goals of the partnerships are to:

- Prepare children to be Kindergarten-ready by expanding access to high quality prekindergarten programs for low income families without causing districts and charters to increase facilities;
- Increase the number of children receiving high-quality care with expanded continuity of instruction;
- Allow LEAs and private child care programs to leverage assets and share resources, such as staff training and professional development, facilities and staff;
- Provide an opportunity for high-quality child care providers to sustain their businesses and support other small business owners committed to high-quality child care in their communities;
- Assist child care providers to gain qualified staff; and
- Provide for shared standards of quality (curricular, instructional, assessment, professional development, instructional coaching and family engagement) between LEAs and child care providers.

Authority:

The Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 (CCDBG Act) and Texas Education Code (TEC) §29.158.

Funding:

TEA collaborated with the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to administer the Prekindergarten Partnership Planning Grant from 2016-2018. Although partnership programs should be financially sustainable through the enrollment of children in the partnership program, this grant program provided for start-up costs. The total funding and allocation of the grant is below:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
FY 2016	\$7,800,000
Total Appropriation	\$7,800,000

Allocation	Amount
PreK Partnership Grants	\$7,400,000
Administrative Costs	\$400,000
Total Appropriation	\$7,800,000

Grantees of the 2016-2018 Prekindergarten Partnership Planning Grant:

Abilene ISD	\$262,981
Alief ISD	\$256,290
Austin ISD	\$219,265
Bryan ISD	\$318,318
Chapel Hill Academy	\$242,469
Clear Creek ISD	\$255,284
College Station ISD	\$450,000
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD	\$450,000
Dallas ISD	\$429,000
Denton ISD	\$264,649
DeSoto ISD	\$439,891
Everman ISD	\$446,184
Fort Worth ISD	\$450,000
Manor ISD	\$450,000
McAllen ISD	\$216,840
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD	\$450,000
Uplift Education	\$303,500
Weslaco ISD	\$450,000